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A B S T R A C T

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1. Introduction

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2. Historical Overview of Human-Computer Interaction

The history of HCI is marked by several key milestones that have shaped the way we interact with computers today.

2.1. Early computing (1940s-1960s)

The early era of computing, spanning from the 1940s to the 1960s, was characterized by the use of batch processing, punch cards, and command-line interfaces. These methods of interaction required specialized knowledge and were not user-friendly, reflecting the nascent stage of computer technology and its limited accessibility to the general public. During this period, computers were primarily used for scientific and military purposes, and their operation was confined to experts who understood the complex systems and languages required to communicate with these machines. The following sections delve into the specifics of these early computing interfaces and their implications.

2.1.1. Batch processing and punch cards

- **Batch processing:** This method involved the execution of a series of jobs on a computer without manual intervention. Users submitted jobs to operators, who then scheduled them for processing. This system was efficient for the time but lacked interactivity, as users had to wait for their results, often for extended periods[1,2].
- **Punch cards:** These were the primary medium for inputting data and instructions into computers. Each card represented a line of code or data, and stacks of cards were used to

program computers. This method was cumbersome and error-prone, as a single mistake could require re-punching entire stacks of cards[3,4].

2.1.2. Command-line interfaces

- Complexity and Expertise: Command-line interfaces required users to input text commands to perform operations. This necessitated a deep understanding of the specific syntax and commands of the computer's operating system, making it inaccessible to those without technical training[5,6].
- Limited User Interaction: The lack of graphical interfaces meant that users could not interact with computers in a visual or intuitive manner. This limited the scope of computing to those who could navigate the complex command structures[7,5].

2.1.3. Historical context and developments

- ENIAC and Early Computers: The ENIAC, one of the first electronic general-purpose computers, exemplified the early computing era's reliance on batch processing and manual input methods. It required extensive manual setup and operation, highlighting the labor-intensive nature of early computing[6,2].
- Transition to Commercial Use: As computers evolved, there was a gradual shift from purely scientific applications to commercial uses, such as the UNIV AC, which began to address administrative tasks. This transition marked the beginning of efforts to make computers more accessible and user-friendly[1,4].

While the early computing era was marked by interfaces that were not user-friendly, it laid the groundwork for future innovations. The limitations of batch processing and command-line interfaces spurred the development of more interactive and accessible computing systems. This evolution was driven by the need to expand the use of computers beyond specialized fields to broader commercial and personal applications. As technology advanced, the focus shifted towards creating interfaces that could be used by non-experts, leading to the development of graphical user interfaces and more intuitive interaction methods.

2.2. Graphical user interfaces (1970s-1980s)

The development of Graphical User Interfaces (GUIs) in the 1970s and 1980s marked a significant shift in human-computer interaction (HCI), making technology more accessible and intuitive for a broader audience. Pioneered by Xerox PARC and later popularized by the Apple Macintosh, GUIs introduced visual elements such as icons, windows, and menus, which replaced complex command-line interfaces. This transformation allowed users to interact with computers in a more natural and efficient manner, significantly enhancing user experience and broadening the scope of computer use beyond technical experts to the general public. The following sections delve into the key aspects of GUI development and its impact on HCI.

2.2.1. Evolution and features of GUIs

- Introduction of WIMP Interfaces: The WIMP (Windows, Icons, Menus, Pointer) paradigm became the foundation of GUIs, providing a structured and user-friendly interface that simplified interaction with computers. This approach allowed users to perform tasks without needing to memorize complex commands, thus reducing intimidation and making technology more approachable[8].
- Dynamic and Interactive Elements: GUIs evolved to include dynamic elements such as pop-up menus and cross-navigational features, which enhanced user interaction by allowing seamless navigation between different data sets and hierarchical lists[9]. This adaptability improved the efficiency and effectiveness of user interactions with digital systems.
- Touch and Gesture-Based Interfaces: The introduction of touch terminals and gesture-based interactions further advanced GUIs, enabling users to interact with applications through intuitive touch signals. This development addressed the limitations of traditional input methods and significantly improved user experience by providing rapid access to sublevel functions[10].

2.2.2. Impact on human-computer interaction

- Enhanced User Experience: GUIs transformed HCI by making computers more accessible to non-technical users. The visual representation of data and functions allowed users to quickly assimilate information and perform tasks with minimal learning curve[8,11].
- Integration with Various Technologies: GUIs have been integrated into a wide range of devices and systems, from personal computers to complex networked systems. This integration has facilitated the development of sophisticated applications that leverage GUIs for improved user interaction and data management[12,13].
- Customization and Flexibility: Modern GUIs offer customization options that allow users to tailor interfaces to their preferences. This flexibility is achieved through design methods that enable dynamic resizing, repositioning, and animation of interface elements, enhancing the overall user experience[14,15].

2.2.3. Broader perspectives and challenges: While GUIs have revolutionized HCI, they also present challenges such as the need for continuous updates to accommodate new technologies and user expectations. The complexity of designing intuitive and efficient interfaces requires a multidisciplinary approach, involving fields such as cognitive psychology, design, and computer science[11]. Additionally, as technology evolves, there is a growing need to integrate GUIs with emerging interaction paradigms, such as voice user interfaces (VUIs) and augmented reality, to maintain their relevance and effectiveness in diverse applications. In conclusion, the development of GUIs in the 1970s and 1980s was a pivotal moment in the history of computing, making technology more accessible and user-friendly. The evolution of GUIs has continued to shape HCI, driving innovation and improving user experiences across various platforms and devices. However, the ongoing challenge remains to adapt these interfaces to meet the demands of an ever-changing technological landscape.

2.2.4. The rise of the internet (1990s): The rise of the Internet in the 1990s marked a transformative era in Human-Computer Interaction (HCI), primarily driven by the advent of the World Wide Web (WWW) and the development of web browsers. This period introduced new paradigms of interaction, such as hypermedia and multimedia, which enabled users to access and navigate information in a non-linear fashion. The WWW democratized information access, allowing users to engage with content in innovative ways, thus reshaping the landscape of digital communication and literacy. The following sections delve into the key aspects of this transformation.

2.2.5. Emergence of the world wide web

- The World Wide Web, developed by researchers at CERN and NCSA, revolutionized information access by enabling users to read, view, and share multimedia content globally. This system was a significant improvement over previous methods, allowing for the integration of text, images, sounds, and video clips into a single multimedia "text"[16].
- The WWW's hypertext-based structure facilitated non-linear navigation, allowing users to create and follow links between different types of information, thus transforming the way information was consumed and shared[17,18].

2.2.6. New interaction paradigms: Hypermedia and multimedia

- Hypermedia expanded on the concept of hypertext by incorporating multimedia elements, such as images and sounds, alongside text. This approach mirrored human cognitive processes, organizing information in a network of linked concepts[17,19].
- The integration of multimedia into web browsers, such as Mosaic, allowed users to interact with complex data in a more intuitive and engaging manner, supporting a wide range of applications from education to e-commerce[20,21].

2.2.7. Impact on electronic literacy and communication

- The shift from print to electronic literacy was marked by the rise of hypermedia models, which emphasized the role of users as active participants in constructing meaning through interaction with digital media[22].
- The Internet's role as a communication tool evolved, with early applications focusing on social interaction and role-playing games, eventually expanding to include educational and commercial uses, highlighting the dual nature of the Internet as both an information and communication platform[22].

2.2.8. Cultural and social implications

- The WWW contributed to a cultural revolution by democratizing access to information, akin to the impact of public libraries and schooling in the 19th century. It enabled global collaboration and communication, fostering a sense of community among users[16].
- The proliferation of web browsers and hypermedia tools made the Internet accessible to a broader audience, including schools, businesses, and homes, thus integrating it into everyday life[20].

While the rise of the Internet in the 1990s brought about significant advancements in HCI and digital literacy, it also opposed challenges. The rapid expansion of the WWW led to concerns about information overload and the quality of online content. Additionally, the emphasis on multimedia and hypermedia raised questions about the potential for superficial engagement with information, as users navigated vast networks of linked content without necessarily engaging deeply with any single piece[22]. Despite these challenges, the innovations of the 1990s laid the groundwork for the continued evolution of the Internet and its role in society.

2.3. Mobile and touchscreen revolution (2000s)

The mobile and touchscreen revolution of the 2000s marked a significant transformation in Human-Computer Interaction (HCI), primarily through the introduction of smartphones and tablets with touchscreens. This era facilitated more direct and natural interactions with devices, leading to the rise of mobile applications and gesture-based interactions. The development of these technologies has been driven by advancements in gesture recognition, natural user interfaces, and innovative interaction paradigms, which have collectively enhanced user experience and device functionality. The following sections delve into the key aspects of this transformation.

2.3.1. Gesture recognition and interaction

- The development of gesture recognition algorithms has been pivotal in enhancing mobile interactions. For instance, the Axis-Point Continuous Motion Gesture (APCMG) recognition algorithm allows for real-time recognition of continuous gestures using accelerometer data, achieving high accuracy with minimal computational resources[23].
- Gesture-based authentication systems, such as BEAT, leverage the unique behavioral characteristics of users' touch interactions to provide secure authentication, reducing vulnerabilities to common attacks like shoulder surfing[24].
- The M3 Gesture Menu reimagines marking menus for mobile interfaces, offering faster and less error-prone interactions compared to traditional methods, thus improving user experience in mobile-first environments[25].

2.3.2. Natural user interfaces (NUIs)

NUIs have emerged as a critical component in mobile computing, enabling intuitive interactions through natural actions. These interfaces include brain-machine interfaces, myoelectric input methods, and gaze-tracking, which are particularly useful in applications like augmented and virtual reality[26].

The Infini Touch system extends touch input capabilities across the entire surface of a smartphone, allowing for finger-aware gestures and enhancing the flexibility of mobile interactions[27].

2.3.3. Augmented reality and 3D interactions: Mobile augmented reality (AR) applications have benefited from touch and hand gesture-based interactions, allowing users to manipulate 3D virtual objects more naturally and intuitively. This approach enhances the usability of AR applications by supporting complex operations like 3D transformations[28].

2.3.4. Security and authentication: The increasing use of mobile devices for sensitive tasks has necessitated the development of secure authentication methods. Touch-interaction behavior analysis provides a reliable means of active authentication, leveraging unique user characteristics to ensure security[29].

While the mobile and touchscreen revolution has significantly advanced HCI, challenges remain in optimizing these technologies for broader applications. For instance, the resource-intensive nature of some gesture recognition algorithms can limit their implementation on resource-constrained devices[23]. Additionally, the adoption of marking menus, despite their theoretical advantages, has faced practical challenges, necessitating further research and development to enhance their usability[25]. As mobile technologies continue to evolve, ongoing research into gesture elicitation and natural user interfaces will be crucial in addressing these challenges and expanding the capabilities of mobile devices[30].

2.4. Ubiquitous computing (2010s)

The proliferation of internet-connected devices in the 2010s marked a significant expansion of Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) beyond personal computers to include a diverse array of devices and environments. This era saw the integration of wearables, smart homes, and Internet of Things (IoT) devices, which collectively transformed how users interact with technology in their daily lives. These advancements have enabled more personalized, efficient, and context-aware computing experiences, particularly in areas such as healthcare, smart environments, and pervasive applications. The following sections delve into the specific contributions and challenges associated with these technologies.

2.4.1. Wearables and mobile smart environments

- Wearable devices, often integrated with smartphones, have become pivotal in collecting and processing environmental data. These devices are equipped with various sensors that provide rich data streams for applications in e-health and smart environments[31].
- The development of platforms that treat each sensor as a dynamic information source has facilitated the rapid creation of robust IoT applications. This approach allows for real-time data collection and application configuration, such as traffic monitoring and noise pollution detection[31].

2.4.2. Smart homes and IoT

- Smart homes utilize ubiquitous sensors embedded in everyday appliances to gather data and enhance user experiences. These systems often employ protocols like MQTT and CoAP to ensure seamless data transmission[32].
- A key application in smart homes is human activity recognition, which leverages machine learning algorithms to interpret sensor data. Despite its potential, this technology faces challenges such as data imbalance and computational complexity[32].

2.4.3. Healthcare innovations

- IoT and wearable technologies have revolutionized healthcare by enabling continuous monitoring of vital signs and health conditions. These innovations support personalized healthcare management and have seen significant growth in recent years[33].
- Ubiquitous healthcare solutions have been proposed for various applications, including chronic disease monitoring and mood detection. However, challenges such as privacy, usability, and real-world applicability remain significant hurdles[34].

2.4.4. Pervasive applications and edge computing

- The integration of IoT with Edge Computing supports intelligent pervasive applications by enabling efficient service and task management. This approach allows for local data processing and decision-making, reducing latency and improving user experiences[35].
- Proactive statistical models have been developed to manage services and tasks in these environments, optimizing resource allocation and enhancing system performance[35].

2.4.5. Ambient intelligence and user experience

- Ambient Intelligence (AmI) environments represent a shift towards user-centered computing, where devices seamlessly integrate into daily life. These environments are designed to be context-aware, reacting to user actions and preferences[36].
- The design of smart environments focuses on balancing user autonomy and trust while accommodating diverse user needs and contexts. Future research is directed towards understanding the systemic nature of these environments and improving user experience design[37].

While the expansion of HCI into ubiquitous computing has brought about numerous advancements, it also presents challenges that need to be addressed. Issues such as data privacy, security, and the complexity of managing diverse devices and data streams are critical concerns. Additionally, the need for more extensive real-world evaluations and the involvement of relevant communities in solution design are essential for the successful adoption of these technologies[32,34]. As the field continues to evolve, addressing these challenges will be crucial for realizing the full potential of ubiquitous computing.

3. Types of Human-Computer Interfaces

3.1. Command-line interfaces

Command-line interfaces (CLIs) are powerful tools for interacting with computer systems, offering efficiency and flexibility, particularly for experienced users. However, they can present challenges for novices due to their reliance on precise syntax and command knowledge. Several Improvements have been made to the usability of CLIs, making them more accessible to users. For instance, the method described by Tao Yang allows for the definition of self-customized command lines, which can automatically supplement input keywords, reducing the cognitive load on users and facilitating command registration and execution[39]. Similarly, Song Ke's management method improves input efficiency by automatically outputting resource information relevant to the current service context, thus aiding users in command formulation[40].

Furthermore, Zhang Guiyong and Gao Ruisheng's system supports the input of Chinese characters, broadening the CLI's applicability in multilingual environments[41]. The processing system by Wang Yang enhances flexibility by decoupling different stages of CLI analysis, allowing for easier expansion and adaptation of new commands[42]. Additionally, Ashish Singh et al. introduce a help-like function that provides usage information and suggests command matches, which can be particularly beneficial for users unfamiliar with specific command syntax[43]. Zheng Zhikui et al. propose a method that allows users to select command elements from a list, simplifying the input process and improving accuracy[44]. These innovations collectively aim to lower the entry barrier for novice users while maintaining the efficiency and power that experienced users expect from CLIs. As such, while CLIs remain a domain where expertise can significantly enhance productivity, these developments are crucial in making them more user-friendly and accessible to a wider audience.

3.2. Graphical user interfaces

With their unmatched intuitiveness and user-oriented design, GUIs reign as the foremost type of user interface, further enhanced by important visual features including icons, windows, and menus. These characteristics support a remarkably successful interaction between users and computing systems, since they present a lucid visual breakdown of commands and operations that can be easily recognized and governed. For instance, the use of navigation menus that efficiently present options and reduce display space is a significant advancement in GUI design, enhancing user experience by making navigation more intuitive and efficient[45]. Moreover, GUIs have evolved to support complex interactions within a single window, allowing users to manage multiple applications simultaneously through sub-windows, which can be minimized or expanded as needed. This feature not only streamlines workflow but also supports drag-and-drop functionality between applications, further enhancing usability[46]. The integration of touch-sensitive surfaces and haptic feedback in GUIs has also improved user interaction by allowing users to manipulate interface objects with varying intensity, providing a more dynamic and responsive experience[47].

Moreover, GUIs are designed to adapt to different display settings and user preferences, such as automatically adjusting menu item positions based on the display language, which improves user perception and interaction[48]. The design of GUIs is deeply rooted in human-computer interaction principles, which emphasize the importance of creating interfaces that are not only functional but also emotionally engaging and supportive of user needs[49,50]. The widespread adoption of GUIs in operating systems like Apple Macintosh and Microsoft Windows underscores their effectiveness in providing a more accessible and efficient user experience compared to command-based interfaces, which require extensive user training[51]. Overall, the continuous development and refinement of GUIs reflect their critical role in enhancing human-computer interaction by making technology more accessible and intuitive for users across various devices and applications. Menu-driven interfaces.

3.3. Menu-driven interfaces

While simple and user-friendly, can become limiting when dealing with complex tasks due to their inherent design constraints. The complexity of menu structures can significantly impact user behavior and satisfaction, particularly in high-complexity tasks where users may resort to non-productive search strategies, perceiving the interface as more complex and harder to use[52]. Expandable menus, which provide full contextual information, have been shown to improve performance in complex information retrieval tasks by reducing user disorientation compared to sequential menus, which offer only partial context[53]. Innovations in menu-driven interfaces, such as context-driven functionality using keyboard function keys, aim to enhance navigation efficiency in desktop applications[54].

Additionally, intelligent menu interfaces that adapt to user needs and task contexts can significantly reduce search time and improve usability in management information systems[55]. In specialized applications, such as medical devices and digital audio/video equipment, menu-driven interfaces facilitate user interaction by allowing centralized control and configuration, although they may require additional layers of menu navigation for detailed operation[56,57]. Despite these advancements, the fundamental challenge remains in balancing simplicity with the flexibility needed for complex tasks, suggesting a need for continued innovation in menu design to accommodate diverse user requirements and task complexities.

3.4. Voice-driven interfaces

Voice-driven interfaces, exemplified by virtual assistants like Siri and Alexa, are increasingly popular due to advancements in artificial intelligence and deep learning technologies. These leverage deep convolutional neural networks (DCNNs) to achieve high accuracy in speech recognition and natural language processing, enabling effective human-machine interaction through spoken commands[58]. The rise of digital virtual assistants has made computer interaction more intuitive, particularly in fields such as medicine, business, and education, although challenges remain in making these technologies accessible to individuals with disabilities[59,60]. Voice assistants are a significant component of the digital revolution, offering cognitive functions that mimic human problem-solving and learning capabilities, which can be particularly beneficial in customer service and user support scenarios[61]. Also, voice-driven systems are integrated into web applications to enhance user experience by allowing voice control over functionalities, such as searching for news based on user preferences[62]. The usability of speech-based intelligent personal assistants (sIPAs) is undeniably under scrutiny, as traditional usability scales such as the System Usability Scale (SUS) fail to effectively capture the user experience in this innovative interaction paradigm[63].

Additionally, the design of voice user interfaces (VUIs) for AI devices requires a focus on psychological interaction, as traditional UI/UX approaches may not fully address the unique aspects of voice-based interaction[64]. Overall, while these interfaces are a promising avenue for more natural human-computer interaction, more research is needed to address accessibility, usability, and design challenges to fully realize their potential in everyday applications.

3.5. Touch-sensitive interfaces

Touch-sensitive interfaces have become a prevalent mode of interaction in modern devices such as smartphones and tablets, offering a direct and intuitive way for users to engage with digital content. These interfaces leverage touch gestures, which are recognized through various technologies and methods, to facilitate user interaction. For instance, the implementation of touch-sensitive surfaces allows for the detection and interpretation of gestures, enabling actions such as sliding a composition interface across a display based on gesture thresholds[65]. The integration of virtual widgets within touch-sensitive graphical user interfaces further enhances user interaction by allowing configurable arrangements and providing haptic feedback, which can be crucial for user experience[66].

Additionally, touch-sensitive apparatuses can correlate touch inputs with image data to generate output signals, thereby enhancing the precision and responsiveness of the interface[67]. Gesture recognition, a core component of human-computer interaction, offers a natural and flexible means of communication, surpassing traditional input methods like keyboards and mice. This technology is applied in various fields, including smart homes and healthcare, and signal processing algorithms[68]. Also, touch-sensitive interfaces are far more than mere touch detectors; they integrate advanced gesture recognition systems that significantly bolster security via behavior-based authentication, a fact exemplified by the BEAT system, which utilizes gesture dynamics to effectively authenticate users[69]. The versatility of touch-sensitive interfaces is further exemplified by their application in 3D model interaction, where pressure and contact-based inputs can manipulate virtual models, providing a rich, immersive experience[71]. The advancement and enhancement of touch-sensitive interfaces and gesture recognition technologies undoubtedly revolutionize the way users engage with digital devices, rendering these interactions significantly more intuitive, secure, and adaptable.

3.6. Gesture-based interfaces

Gesture-based interfaces have become a pivotal component in enhancing user interaction across various applications, including gaming, virtual reality (VR), and human-computer interaction (HCI) systems. These interfaces leverage body movements and gestures to facilitate natural and intuitive communication with computers, offering a more immersive experience compared to traditional input methods. In virtual reality, gesture interaction is increasingly utilized to improve user immersion and interaction, with studies demonstrating the effectiveness of hand and body gestures detected through machine learning techniques without the need for additional sensors[72]. This approach not only enhances the naturalness and creativity of interactions but also supports complex tasks such as object manipulation and text input in virtual environments[73]. The integration of machine learning into gesture recognition algorithms has advanced the accuracy and these systems, achieving recognition accuracies of up to 70% in various environments[74]. Low-cost VR headsets, such as those using smartphones, have also adopted gesture-based interaction techniques, utilizing stereo microphones to detect gestures like tapping and scratching, thereby expanding the accessibility and usability of VR systems[75]. Moreover, gesture-centric user interfaces enable control over multiple devices through three-dimensional space movements, highlighting the versatility of gesture recognition technology[77].

Additionally, the development of gesture-based interfaces using generic devices like omnidirectional cameras allows for scalable and convenient applications in gaming and other interactive systems, capable of recognizing gestures from multiple users simultaneously[79]. Gesture-based interfaces represent a remarkable leap forward in user interaction technology, delivering superior naturalness, flexibility, and efficiency across an extensive array of applications.

4. The Emergence of Large Language Models (LLMs): How LLMs are Transforming HCI

4.1. Enhanced accessibility

Large Language Models (LLMs) significantly enhance technology accessibility for individuals with disabilities by enabling functionalities such as voice control and real-time translation. For instance, the Assistive Accessibility Suite allows users with conditions like Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis to control computers and consumer electronics using voice commands, eliminating the need for traditional input devices and thus facilitating seamless interaction with technology[80]. Similarly, the Assist Ease smart wheelchair integrates voice control and other advanced technologies to improve mobility and communication for users with disabilities, achieving high accuracy in navigation and task management[81].

Furthermore, LLMs like ChatGPT are employed to automatically remediate web accessibility issues, ensuring compliance with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines and making online platforms more accessible[83]. In the realm of speech technology, advancements have been made to enhance home interfaces for people with disabilities, incorporating features like speaker identification and emotion detection to improve interaction quality[84]. Additionally, LLMs can translate complex legal explanations into natural language, making legal systems more accessible to laypeople[85]. These innovations collectively demonstrate the potential of LLMs and related technologies to create more inclusive environments by addressing diverse accessibility needs.

4.2. Personalized experiences

Large Language Models (LLMs) have shown significant potential in learning user preferences and adapting responses to provide personalized experiences across various domains. The advanced models, such as OpenAI's GPT-3.5/4 and Meta's Llama, have transformed recommender systems by analyzing extensive volumes of textual data to improve user experiences via tailored recommendations. The ability of LLMs to align with human preferences is further enhanced by reward models (RMs), which are crucial for customizing interactions based on diverse human preferences, including cultural and individual differences. This customization is achieved through domain-specific preference datasets and a three-stage learning scheme that preserves general preference abilities while focusing on personalized responses[87].

Additionally, LLMs can capture and describe user interest journeys in nuanced ways, similar to human reasoning, by extracting and summarizing persistent user interests, thus enabling more interpretable and controllable user understanding on recommendation platforms[89]. Personalized interfaces and predictive modeling strategies further enhance digital user experiences by leveraging user behavior data to create adaptive interfaces and personalized user journeys, significantly improving engagement and satisfaction[90].

Finally, a multistage and multitask framework inspired by writing education has been proposed to teach LLMs personalized text generation, involving stages like retrieval, ranking, summarization, synthesis, and generation, which have shown significant improvements over traditional methods[91]. Together, these advancements illustrate the transformative potential of LLMs in providing tailored and personalized user experiences.

4.3. Conversational interfaces

The shift from traditional interfaces to conversational interactions is significantly enabled by the advancements in large language models (LLMs), which allow for more intuitive and accessible human-computer interactions. LLMs allow conversational interfaces by understanding and processing natural language, thus enabling users to interact with computers similar to human dialogue. This is evident in the design of systems like mPLUG-Octopus, which leverages a modularized end-to-end multimodal LLM to provide coherent and engaging interactions across both text and multi-modal scenarios, supporting tasks such as open-domain question answering and multi-turn conversations without relying on external APIs[93]. The integration of LLMs into conversational assistants, as explored in the context of cooking with the Mango Mango assistant, highlights their ability to offer extensive information and customized instructions, transforming them into personal assistants rather than mere tools[94]. The popularity of conversational user interfaces is attributed to their natural interaction options, which are increasingly familiar to users due to the widespread use of mobile devices and messaging services[95]. These interfaces are not only enhancing user experience but are also being employed in diverse domains such as health, information retrieval, and human-AI decision-making, showcasing their potential to mediate interactions with AI systems[95].

Despite these advancements, challenges remain in developing dialog systems that can effectively manage both task-oriented and open-ended conversations, as well as in addressing user expectations for more adaptive and suggestive interactions[96]. Overall, the evolution of conversational interfaces driven by LLMs is poised to redefine human-computer interaction, making it more natural and accessible[97,95].

4.4. Increased efficiency

Large Language Models (LLMs) have demonstrated significant potential in automating tasks and streamlining workflows across various domains, thereby enhancing interaction efficiency with computers. The AutoGen framework exemplifies this by enabling developers to create LLM applications that utilize multi-agent conversations to accomplish complex tasks, ranging from mathematics to online decision-making, thus showcasing the versatility and adaptability of LLMs in diverse applications[98]. In business analytics, LLMs like have been effectively used in data preparation tasks, like text translation, sentiment classification, and information extraction, which are crucial for the successful application of analytical models. These models can handle multiple languages and data formats with minimal fine-tuning, although challenges remain in dealing with noisy data and complex reasoning tasks[100]. Furthermore, LLMs are transforming text analysis in social sciences by offering efficient methods for tasks like text annotation and sentiment analysis, which are accessible even to those with limited programming experience[101].

However, challenges such as high training costs and security concerns persist, necessitating improvements in parameter optimization and dataset construction[102]. The comprehensive assimilation of machine learning, as evidenced by numerous scholarly investigations, accentuates its transformative capacity in augmenting efficiency and productivity throughout diverse sectors[103].

4.5. New interaction paradigms

Large Language Models (LLMs) are revolutionizing interaction paradigms by enabling more immersive and engaging experiences through their application in virtual characters and AI assistants. These models, with their advanced language capabilities, are being integrated into various systems to enhance user interaction. For instance, in fiction, LLMs are used to create dynamic and engaging narratives, allowing users to interact with AI characters that can adapt and respond like any other human, thus improving the storytelling experience[104]. In personal companionship, LLMs are employed in systems like OS-1, which uses common-ground awareness to tailor interactions based on real-time and historical user data, significantly improving user satisfaction and providing emotional support[105]. LLMs are enhancing voice assistants by enabling them to understand and respond to user queries with contextual awareness, leading to fluid interactions across tasks, such as medical self-diagnosis and creative planning[107]. In educational settings, LLMs simulate multiple conversational partners, offering diverse perspectives and aiding in problem-solving, thereby augmenting the learning experience[109]. Additionally, hybrid systems like the Hybrid Avatar Agent System (HAAS) leverage LLMs to provide more accurate and contextually appropriate responses, enhancing user engagement in fields such as education and psychological counseling[110].

4.6. Synthetic data generation

The exploration of Large Language Models (LLMs) for generating synthetic data in Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) research holds significant promise for accelerating research and development by providing large datasets for testing and evaluation. LLMs, by virtue of their extensive training on diverse datasets, can generate synthetic data that approximates real-world data, thus facilitating studies on social phenomena and reducing the time and cost associated with data collection[111]. The effectiveness of synthetic data generated by LLMs display fluctuations, especially in the context of text classification tasks where subjective interpretations play a significant role, indicating that the relevance of such data is not uniform across various applications. The generation of synthetic data also addresses issues of data scarcity, imbalance, and confidentiality, making it a valuable tool in fields where real data is limited or sensitive[115]. Tools like the one developed by Thomas and Stuijfzand provide an accessible entry point for generating synthetic data, although they may not fully capture inter-field relationships, highlighting the need for more sophisticated tools for comprehensive data synthesis[116].

5. Challenges and Opportunities

Large Language Models (LLMs) offer significant potential for enhancing Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) by providing advanced capabilities in understanding and generating human-like text. Although, their integration into HCI systems is not without challenges. The challenges span across technical, ethical, and practical domains, demanding careful consideration and ongoing research to ensure effective and responsible use. Below are the key challenges with the use of LLMs in HCI are discussed.

5.1. Technical challenges

- Domain Specificity: LLMs often struggle with providing precise answers in specialized fields due to their general-purpose training. This limitation can hinder their effectiveness in domain-specific applications like healthcare or legal adXWXvice, where nuanced understanding is crucial[117].
- Knowledge Forgetting and Repetition: LLMs may forget previously learned information or repeat knowledge without adding depth, which can lead to superficial interactions that lack originality and insight[117].

5.2. Ethical and social challenges

- Bias and Fairness: LLMs can perpetuate biases present in their training data, leading to outputs that may be discriminatory or unfair. Addressing these biases is critical to ensure ethical deployment in HCI applications[119].

- Trustworthiness and Alignment: Ensuring that LLMs align with human intentions and social norms is a significant challenge. Misalignment can result in outputs that are not trustworthy or safe, necessitating robust evaluation frameworks to assess and improve model alignment[119].
- Knowledge Toxicity: LLMs can inadvertently generate harmful or biased information, which poses risks in sensitive applications like healthcare or education[120].

5.3. Practical challenges

- User Interaction and Feedback: Current interaction paradigms with LLMs often lead to rapid convergence on limited ideas, restricting the exploration of the vast design space they offer. Enhancing user interaction to fully harness LLMs' creative potential is necessary[120].
- Voice Interaction Limitations: While LLMs excel in text-based interactions, their adaptation to voice-based systems, such as conversational voice assistants, presents challenges in maintaining context and understanding user intent accurately

While LLMs present numerous challenges, they also offer opportunities for innovation in HCI. Addressing the challenges involves not only technical advancements but also ethical considerations and user-centered design approaches. By focusing on improving model alignment, reducing biases, and enhancing interaction paradigms, LLMs can be more effectively integrated into HCI systems, ultimately leading to more reliable and beneficial applications.

6. Conclusion

The transformation of Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) has undeniably been a constant voyage, always advancing toward achieving more authentic, intuitive, and efficient ways for humans to engage with computers. The emergence of Large Language Models (LLMs) signifies a monumental advancement within this ongoing journey, as they possess the remarkable potential to fundamentally transform the manner in which we engage with technology in our daily lives. Through the development of dialogue systems that resonate with human communication, delivering tailored experiences for unique individuals, and boosting access for a variety of communities, LLMs stand out in making technology both user-friendly and inclusively integrated into our daily routines. Although numerous challenges persist in the implementation and optimization of these advanced models, the vast array of opportunities that LLMs present within the context of HCI is extensive, and it is increasingly clear that their influence on the trajectory of technological advancement is both profound and undeniable.

The incorporation of LLMs into the realm of HCI bears significant implications for the nature of human communication and cognitive processes. Through the promotion of more natural and instinctive exchanges with computational systems, LLMs can considerably amplify human innovation, strengthen problem-solving abilities, and advance cognitive functioning in a variety of areas. Furthermore, the extensive integration of LLMs into the HCI paradigm could help cultivate a more unified and smooth interaction between people and technological gadgets, causing a blending of the divisions that have historically differentiated our tangible and virtual worlds.

To truly harness the broad capabilities that LLMs possess for the future of HCI, it is vital that professionals from multiple disciplines engage in collaborative efforts, encompassing computer science, linguistics, psychology, and ethics. The teamwork involved is vital not only for confronting the many technical obstacles tied to the rollout of LLMs but also for managing the moral and societal effects that surface as these models become more common in our lives. By ensuring responsible development and deployment, we can harness the transformative power of LLMs while mitigating potential risks and fostering a future in which technology serves to enhance human capabilities in a thoughtful and equitable manner.

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